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RUMANIAN IMPORTS FROM USSR

RAW MATERIALS, MACHINERY, RUBBER, ETC. -- Viata Sindicals, No 425, 31 Jan 49

Under the terms of the Russo-Rumanian Trade Agreement of 1948, in the past 10 months, Rumania has received large quantities of raw materials, machinery, and medicaments from the USSR, including the following:

Raw materials: 1,500 tons of cotton; 6,000 tons of pig iron; 30,000 tons of coke; large quantities of ferroalloys--ferrotungsten, ferromanganese, ferrosilicon, and ferrochrome; semifinished steel articles; 3,000 tons of refractory material--silica bricks, magnesite, firebricks, and fire-resistant plates.

Machinery: Almost all of the heavy machine tools for the metallurgical industry; presses and hammers for forgings; air compressors, mobile units, and about 450 different electrical and pneumatic instruments. The 140 heavy machine tools include lathes for cylinder blocks, grinders, horizontal milling machines, universal millers, various tappers, and 40 lathes of various sizes. The last shipments under the agreement are en route. The entire quota of hydraulic, eccentric and friction presses, pneumatic and steam drop hammers, and pneumatic and electrical instruments has arrived.

Tractors, trucks, autos, agricultural machinery and implements: Rumania has also received the entire quantity, of 80-horsepower Stalinet caterpillar tractors, 52-horsepower STZ-MATI caterpillar tractors, tractors with two all-purpose wheels, cultivators, and tractor-drawn and animal-drawn plows. The delivery of spare parts for agricultural machinery, trucks and autos is almost complete. In regard to shipments of trucks and autos, 100 ZIS 150 trucks (3.5 - 4 tons) and 300 passenger cars Gas-67 have been received; 10,500 complete tires and tubes for trucks, passenger cars and motorcycles have been delivered.

Rubber and chemicals: Natural rubber, vulcanite, and chemicals used in the rubber industry.

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Pharmaceuticals and instruments: One million ampoules of Novarsenol; 1,500 kilograms of saccharin; bismuth subnitrate; potassium iodide; pepsin; novocain; sodium bromide, etc.; surgical instruments; veterinary equipment.

Miscellaneous: Phosphorus; superphosphates; calculating machines; typewriters; replacement parts for textile industry; meteorological instruments; signaling equipment for ships and beacons; 200,000 electric bulbs; 500 movie projectors; 600,000 meters of movie film; 7,000 radio sets with spare parts; amplifiers; loud-speakers; photographic equipment.

IMPORTS TO INCREASE -- Scanteia, No 1342, 4 Feb 49

On the basis of the new trade agreement between Rumania and the USSR, the imports from the USSR will be much greater in 1949 than they were in 1948. Taking the imports for the year 1947 as 100 percent, the imports for 1948 were 136 percent, and the imports for 1949 will be 340 percent.

COAL MINES RECEIVE NEW SOVIET CUTTERS -- Scanteia, No 1321, 11 Jan 49

On the basis of the economic agreement with the USSR, the Valea Jiniui coal mines have received Soviet coal cutters which were greatly needed. These new cutters are superior to the old German cutters since they are much more powerful, more easily transported, and more rapidly assembled and disassembled--3 hours instead of 6 or 7. Other features of these new machines are their greater safety, noiselessness, greater capacity, and possibility of utilization in any working location.

METALLURGICAL COKE -- Scanteia, No 1334, 26 Jan 49

A large quantity of metallurgical coke arrived 20 January at the Ungheni-Iasi border station from the USSR. The coke will be distributed to the metallurgical enterprises of Rumania.

BRASS PRODUCTS -- Scanteia, No 1335, 27 Jan 49

On 25 January, a Soviet ship from Odessa docked at Constanta. The vessel carried a large cargo of various size bronze bars, brass pipes, high tension cable, brass bars, and accessories for various machinery. The shipment comes under the Russo-Rumanian trade agreement.

ELECTRIC CABLE -- Scanteia, No 1342, 4 Feb 49

The port of Constanta has replaced 3,000 meters of defective electric cable with new cable from the USSR. This new cable ensures a steady supply of current for the installations of the Directorate of Maritime Ports and also for the "Sovromtransport" Shipyard.

SHIPYARD INSTALLATIONS -- Scanteia, No 1335, 27 Jan 49

The "Sovromtransport" Shipyard at Galati received a new shipment of machinery from the USSR on 26 January. The shipment included a precision grinder, which has already been set up, and will perform the same work in half the time as the old grinder. A new electric bridge crane, also from the USSR, is being installed.

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MACHINERY AND MACHINE TOOLS -- Scanteia, No 1317, 6 Jan 49

The "Sovromtransport" Shipyard in Constanta recently received a powerful automatic derrick, a bending machine, a precision machine, an automatic lathe, and large shears for plates from the USSR.

RAW COTTON -- Libertatea, No 1330, 19 Jan 49

The Soviet ship Taiganis from the USSR port of Peti arrived in Constanta on 16 January with a cargo of 1,556 tons of raw cotton for the textile mills of Rumania.

COTTON -- Scanteia, No 1327, 18 Jan 49

On 11 January, a Soviet ship from Odessa arrived at Constanta with a large cargo of baled cotton wadding for Rumanian textile mills.

TRACTORS -- Scanteia, No 1343, 5 Feb 49

The Baicoi-Prahova petroleum region recently received four tractors from the USSR. Three of these are caterpillars and the fourth is a heavy Kirov-type tractor.

RUSSIAN PLOWS -- Scanteia, No 1330, 21 Jan 49.

In the past few days, Russian plows have arrived at Fatisa-Avalizade station, Braila Judet. These plows are the P.5.55 type with five bottoms. The plows have been sent to the Faurei MTS.

SUPERPHOSPHATE -- Universal, No 33, 10 Feb 49

The Soviet steamship Chekhor arrived at Constanta from Odessa on 6 February with a cargo of 1,000 tons of superphosphate which will be distributed to the state farms for fertilizer.

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